Predatory Animals

3645. SHRI L. RAMANA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of predatory as well as prey animals which were on the brink of extinction in the country about three decades ago;

(b) whether the population of predatory animals have increased especially in Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) the guidelines issued for implementation of eco-development plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) The population of tiger and the Central Indian Swamp deer had declined to very low levels about three decades ago, but they were not on the brink of extinction.

(b) Yes, Sir. The comparative population of the major predators in the country, in the years when their census were conducted, is given below :

	Population/Year	Population/Year
Tiger	1827/1972	3750/1993
Leopard	4744/1984	6828/1993
Lion	177/1968	304/1995

In Kanha National Park of Madhya Pradesh the comparative population of tiger and leopard is as given below :

Tiger	43(1972)	97(1996)
Leopard	60(1992)	62(1996)

(c) The guidelines issued for the implementation of the ecodevelopment scheme aim at supporting measures for ensuring the socio-economic welfare of villages living near the national parks and sanctuaries, including tiger reserves, mainly through the enhancement of supply of fuelwood, fodder and small timber, improvement of livestock and agricultural productivity, alternative energy, eco-friendly income generating cottage industries, education and health care, including family planning. The important criteria for selecting the programmes are that they should be compatible with the conservation needs of the protected area and ensure the cooperation of the local communities in conservation.

Training Camps

3646. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some training camps are being run in Bangladesh by the insurgents operating in the North-Eastern States;

(b) whether arms are being supplied into the North-East from these camps;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have supplied a list of those camps to the Government of Bangladesh so as to ensure their closure; and

(e) the reaction of the Bangladesh Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) Reports indicate that there are camps in some of our neighbouring countries which are being used by North East insurgent Groups for safe havens, sanctuary and training purposes. The Government is aware of the misuse of the territory of Bangladesh by some insurgent groups operating in the North-East.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Government of Bangladesh have assured that they will not allow negative elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to our interest.

Dairy Processing Technologies

3647. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of animal production and dairy processing technologies developed at NDRI during last three years; and

(b) the number of such technologies adopted by the farmers and entrepreneurs and the achievements made thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Grants to Wakf Boards

3648. SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJBHAI CHIKHALIA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government provide grants to the Wakf Board functioning in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the grants given to each Wakf Board during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.